

Support Sankofa AT Sankofa

Sankofa's students deserve stability.

- In less than 15 years, Sankofa has twice added and then taken away middle school grades
- Instability and uncertainty have led to the loss of families with students of all ages
- Between 2017 and 2019, Sankofa was overseen by 5 different principals
- Between the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, Sankofa lost 5 of its 7 general ed classroom teachers
- Sankofa has three Special Day Classrooms; stability is particularly important for these students, many of whom have already moved schools at least once.

Sankofa's students deserve the resources they need to succeed.

- \$18 Million in Measure J funds that were promised for a middle school building were clawed back in 2013, redirected to fund a \$100 million admin building
- Intensive support promised to help make the K-8 program a success never materialized
- Mindfulness and restorative justice programs have contributed in the past to an improved school climate, but these eventually ceased due to inadequate funding
- Sankofa serves a high-needs population, and must be funded accordingly

Sankofa scholars shine when given stability and adequate resources.

- In 2008 alone, **Sankofa's API rose an incredible 156 points**, one of the largest gains in OUSD
- In the years following the 2008 recession – when OUSD had \$100 Million less funding than today – Sankofa still grew and thrived with a committed principal and a growing network of community partners.
- In 2011, based on years of steady academic gains, Sankofa was being held up as a model of what a community school could achieve for black children
- This year, Sankofa is under the leadership of an experienced, committed principal, and many changes are already underway. Our students deserve time to show what they can accomplish when given stability and adequate resources.

The Sankofa community deserves to stay in its historic home

- Sankofa's current site has been open as a school since 1905, first as Washington School and, starting in 2005, as Sankofa
- The Bushrod neighborhood surrounding Sankofa was for many years one of the few areas in Oakland where black families could buy a home
- Many of the children at Sankofa have parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles who attended Sankofa or Washington
- Gentrification is quickly changing the ethnic makeup of Bushrod and displacing many black families. Moving the Sankofa community – pushing it farther west to the Santa Fe campus – would reinforce this trend and represent a huge loss to North Oakland's African-American community.

ENROLLMENT OVER TIME

